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A-3. (amended) The protein of claim 21, wherein the [CRAF1] ~~protein is a mouse [CRAF1] protein~~--

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A-4. (amended) The protein of claim 21, wherein the [CRAF1] ~~protein is a human [CRAF1] protein~~--

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A-21. (new) An isolated protein which comprises amino acids, the amino acid sequence of which (a) is included within the sequence shown in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1); (b) has at its carboxy terminus a proline corresponding to the proline shown at position number 564 in SEQ ID NO: 1; (c) comprises continuous amino acids corresponding to the continuous amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO:1 between the proline at position number 567 and the asparagine at position number 414; and (d) does not extend at its amino terminus beyond an amino acid corresponding to the serine shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 at position number 324; or variants thereof wherein the variant consists of a substitution of one amino acid for another amino acid between the following pairs:

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valine substituted for glycine or vice versa; glycine substituted for alanine or vice versa; valine substituted for isoleucine or vice versa; aspartic acid substituted for glutamic acid or vice versa; asparagine substituted for glutamine or vice versa; serine substituted for threonine or vice versa; lysine substituted for arginine or vice versa; or phenylalanine substituted for tyrosine or vice versa.